

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-19 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claim 13 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-12 were objected to because of informalities.

By the instant amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to take into consideration the helpful comments of the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-12 and 14-19 are free from informalities.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 1 has been amended to take into consideration the helpful comments of the Examiner.

Claim 2 is clear based on the amendment of Claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-12 and 14-19 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants believe is their invention.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claims 1, 11, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kanouda; Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kanouda in view of Esteves; Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kanouda in view of Basso;

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and Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kanouda in view of Matsuyama.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Kanouda does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including at least one configuration switch for selectively coupling elements of a feedback circuitry to the output drive circuitry responsive to the control signals from the configuration circuitry.

The Examiner alleges that elements 12, 13, and 52 disclose the configuration circuitry.

However, the Examiner's attention is directed to Kanouda in Figure 1 where these elements are connected to the input terminals of the main power switches 2, 3 and consequently not coupled to the output.

Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that Esteves does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including at least one configuration switch for selectively coupling elements of a feedback circuitry to the output driver circuitry responsive to control signals from the configuration circuitry.

Again, Esteves discloses that the error amplifier 217 is connected to the logic 212 to drive the main switches 221 and 222.

Again, consequently this does not disclose the claimed subject matter.

Furthermore, where or not, Basso discloses a microcontroller to control the mode selection and whether or not one of ordinary skill in the art would consider modifying Kanouda is of no moment since the resulting construction would still in no way disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Additionally, whether Matsuyama discloses coupling two regulators together and whether or not one of ordinary skill in the art would consider modifying Kanouda is of no moment since the resulting construction would still in no way disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 5-10 and 14-19 overcame the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

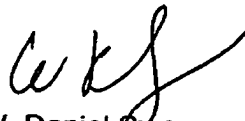
It is respectfully submitted that Claims 5, 14, 17, and 19 have been placed in independent form, and the objection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been overcome.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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